

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE APPLICANT DRUG POLICY STATEMENT

The United States Secret Service is firmly committed to a drug-free society and workplace. The unlawful use of drugs by Secret Service employees is not tolerated. While the Secret Service does not condone prior unlawful drug use by applicants, the agency realizes that some otherwise qualified applicants may have illegally experimented with drugs at some point in their pasts.

This sets forth the Secret Service policy in regard to an applicant's prior illegal use of drugs. Absent compelling mitigating circumstances, an applicant will not be eligible for employment if he/she:

- Has illegally used drugs while in a law enforcement or prosecutorial position, while employed in a position of public trust, or while employed in a position requiring a U.S. Government security clearance.
- Has deliberately misrepresented his/her drug history on his/her application with the Secret Service.
- Has had illegal involvement in the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, processing, or trafficking of any drug or controlled substance.
- Has used any illegal drug (to include anabolic steroids) or illegally used prescription drugs for other than medicinal purposes within the last 3 years.
- Has used any illegal drug other than marijuana (to include anabolic steroids), or illegally used prescription drugs for other than medicinal purposes, since attaining age 23.
- Has used any illegal drug other than marijuana (to include anabolic steroids), or illegally used prescription drugs for other than medicinal purposes, on more than an experimental basis during his/her lifetime. In making this determination, all relevant facts, including the frequency of use, will be evaluated.
- Has used marijuana/cannabis (to include hash and hash oil) more than 10 times since attaining the age of 23. In making this determination, all relevant facts, including the frequency of use, will be evaluated.